

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
U.S. Application no. 09/287,570

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 10 with the attached, replacement Figure.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 168, 171, 174, 177, 186, 189, 200, 201, 204, 206, and 207. Therefore, claims 169, 170, 172, 173, 175, 176, 178-185, 187, 188, 190-199, 202, 203, and 205 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner has allowed all pending claims 169, 170, 172, 173, 175, 176, 178-185, 187, 188, 190-199, 202, 203, and 205.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objects to Figure 10 due to minor informalities. With this Amendment, Applicants amend Figure 10 as noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the Drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

Claims 168, 171, 174, 177, 186, 189, 200, 201, 204, 206, and 207 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Hirohashi (U.S. Patent 5,600,471). As noted above, claims 168, 171, 174, 177, 186, 189, 200, 201, 204, 206, and 207 are cancelled.

Conclusion

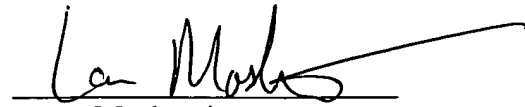
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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